

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

HAMPDEN, ss.

TOWN OF MONSON

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT

To any of the Constables of the Town of Monson in said county:

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn all the inhabitants of the Town of Monson qualified to vote in Elections and Town affairs to meet in the Granite Valley Middle School on Thompson Street on Monday, October 29, 2018, A.D. at 7:00 p.m. to act upon the following articles:

**Article 1:**

**Submitted by: Tree Warden**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer and appropriate a sum of money for the removal of trees destroyed by the gypsy moths, or take any other action relative thereto.

**Explanation:** This funding will be used to remove trees killed by the gypsy moths on Lower Hampden Road, Wood Hill Road, Upper Palmer Road, State Avenue, and Old Reed Road.

**Required Vote:** Majority

***Recommendation:*** *Finance Committee Recommends, and I Move the Town Vote (F.C.R.I.M.T.V.) to raise and appropriate \$45,000.00 for the purposes of removing trees killed by the gypsy moths.*

**Article 2:**

**Submitted by: Finance Director**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer and appropriate a sum of money, money to the Bills of Prior Years Account, or take any other action relative thereto.

**Explanation:** This funding is necessary to cover the Town's prior fiscal year bills of \$600.00 for Highway Department, and \$2,403.00 for Building Maintenance Dept.

**Required Vote:** Nine-Tenths

***Recommendation:*** *F.C.R.I.M.T.V. to raise and appropriate \$3,003.00 to the Bills of Prior Years Account for the purposes of paying bills from prior years.*

**Article 3:**

**Submitted by: Finance Director**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer and appropriate a sum of money, to the Prescription Eyeglass Reimbursement Account, for the purposes of reimbursing employees pursuant to the AFSCME collective bargaining agreement, or take any other action relative thereto.

**Explanation:** This funding is necessary to cover the Town's payment of prescription eyeglasses under AFSCME contract.

**Required Vote:** Majority

***Recommendation:***

*F.C.R.I.M.T.V. to raise and appropriate \$500.00 to the Prescription Eyeglass Reimbursement Account.*

**Article 4:**

**Submitted by: Finance Director**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer and appropriate a sum of money, to the Board of Assessors Software Account for the purposes of updating GIS Mapping System and Vadar, or take any other action relative thereto.

**Explanation:** This funding is necessary to cover the Town's payment of updates to GIS mapping which is necessary to keep the system current and Vadar software bridge for the Assessor and Collector.

**Required Vote:** Majority

***Recommendation:***

*F.C.R.I.M.T.V. to raise and appropriate \$7,000.00 to the Board of Assessors Software Account for the purposes of updating the GIS system and creating a software bridge for the Assessor and Collector.*

**Article 5:**

**Submitted by: Finance Director**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer and appropriate a sum of money, to the Board of Assessors Training Account for the purposes of continuing education, or take any other action relative thereto.

**Explanation:** This funding is necessary to cover the Town's payment of educational training for the members of the Board of Assessors.

**Required Vote:** Majority

***Recommendation:***

*F.C.R.I.M.T.V. to raise and appropriate \$500.00 to the Board of Assessors Training Account for the purposes of continuing education for the Board of Assessors.*

**Article 6:**

**Submitted by: Finance Director**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer and appropriate a sum of money, to the Accounting Salary Account for the purposes staff salaries, or take any other action relative thereto.

**Explanation:** This funding is necessary to cover temporary employment due to employee leave.

**Required Vote:** Majority

***Recommendation:***

*F.C.R.I.M.T.V. to raise and appropriate \$16,500.00 to the Accounting Salary Account for the purposes of staff salaries.*

**Article 7:**

**Submitted by: Finance Director**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer and appropriate a sum of money, to the Collector Salary Account for the purposes of staff salaries, or take any other action relative thereto.

**Explanation:** This funding is necessary to cover temporary employment due to employee leave.

**Required Vote:** Majority

***Recommendation:***

*F.C.R.I.M.T.V. to raise and appropriate \$3,450.00 to the Collector Salary Account for the purposes of staff salaries.*

**Article 8:**

**Submitted by: Finance Director**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer and appropriate a sum of money, to the Collector Severance Account for the purposes of severance pay, or take any other action relative thereto.

**Explanation:** This funding is necessary to cover Severance Pay for a retiring employee.

**Required Vote:** Majority

***Recommendation:***

*F.C.R.I.M.T.V. to raise and appropriate \$14,400.00 to the Collector Severance Account for the purposes of severance pay for a retiring employee.*

**Article 9: Finance Director**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer and appropriate a sum of money, to the Treasurers Salary Account for the purposes of staff salaries, or take any other action relative thereto.

**Explanation:** this funding is necessary to cover the cost of hiring a new staff member for the office.

**Required Vote:** Majority

***Recommendation:***

*F.C.R.I.M.T.V. to raise and appropriate \$1,910.00 to the Treasurer's Salary Account for the purposes of staff salaries.*

**Article 10:**

**Submitted by: Finance Director**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer and appropriate a sum of money, to the Building Maintenance Salary Account for the purposes of staff salaries, or take any other action relative thereto.

**Explanation:** This funding is necessary to cover the cost of temporary staff due to staff vacancy.

**Required Vote:** Majority

***Recommendation:***

*F.C.R.I.M.T.V. to raise and appropriate \$5,620.00 to the Building Maintenance Salary Account for the purposes of staff salaries.*

**Article 11:**

**Submitted by: Finance Director**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer and appropriate a sum of money, to the Council on Aging Salary Account for the purposes of staff salaries, or take any other action relative thereto.

**Explanation:** This funding is necessary to cover a deficit created by a general accounting error.

**Required Vote:** Majority

***Recommendation:***

*F.C.R.I.M.T.V. to raise and appropriate \$325.00 to the Council on Aging Salary Account for the purposes of staff salaries.*

**Article 12:**

**Submitted by: Finance Director**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer and appropriate a sum of money, to the Clerk Stipend Account for the purposes of allowing additional compensation authorized by previous Town Meeting Vote, or take any other action relative thereto.

**Explanation:** This funding is necessary to pay the town Clerk who became certified in her field as authorized by M.G.L. c. 41, Section 19k and approved by Town Meeting vote on 11/6/2017.

**Required Vote:** Majority

***Recommendation:***

*F.C.R.I.M.T.V. to raise and appropriate \$1,000.00 to the Clerk Stipend Account for the purposes of allowing additional compensation authorized by previous Town Meeting Vote.*

**Article 13:**

**Submitted by: Finance Director**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer and appropriate a sum of money, to the Trash Enterprise Program Account for the purposes of balancing enterprise budget, or take any other action relative thereto.

**Explanation:** Due to fluctuations in the fees associated with Monson's Trash Program the account is currently in deficit. This appropriation covers the cost of running the Trash Program through the end of the year.

**Required Vote:** Majority

***Recommendation:***

*F.C.R.I.M.T.V. to raise and appropriate \$19,300.00 from Trash Enterprise Revenues and \$15,000.00 transfer and appropriate from Trash Enterprise Free Cash Account for the purposes of balancing the Trash Enterprise Budget.*

**Article 14:**

**Submitted by: Highway Surveyor**

To see if the Town will vote to change the compensation of the elected Highway Surveyor to include a severance payment that would be paid upon the elected Highway Surveyor's retirement or take any other action relative thereto.

**Explanation:** The Town of Monson Personnel Policy does not provide severance pay for elected officials. This article seeks to change that provision by funding severance pay for the Highway Surveyor.

**Required Vote:** Two-Thirds

***Recommendation:***

*F.C.R.I.M.T.V. to raise and appropriate \$31,813.00 for the purposes of a severance payment for the Highway Surveyor to be paid upon his retirement.*

**Article 15:**

**Submitted by: Highway Surveyor**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer and appropriate the sum of \$113,235 from the Stabilization Account to the General Highways and Bridges Account, for emergency culvert replacements on Upper Hampden Road, Maxwell Road, and Wilbraham Road, or take any other action relative thereto.

**Explanation:** Due to the aging of Monson's storm water infrastructure, the above detailed culverts

needed to be replaced on an emergency basis. This article brings the General Highways and Bridges Account back to pre-culvert replacement levels prior to the spring paving season.

**Required Vote:** Two-Thirds

***Recommendation:***

*F.C.R.I.M.T.V. to transfer and appropriate \$113,325.00 from the Stabilization Fund to the General Highways and Bridges Account for the purposes of emergency culvert replacements on Upper Hampden Road, Maxwell Road, and Wilbraham Road.*

**Article 16:**

**Submitted by: Highway Surveyor**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer and appropriate the sum of \$150,000 from the Stabilization Account to the General Highways and Bridges Account for the repair of a headwall over the arch culvert at Twelve Mile Brook on Wilbraham Road, or take any other action relative thereto.

**Explanation:** This article seeks to secure funding to replace the failing headwall on Wilbraham Road over Twelve Mile Brook.

**Required Vote:** Two-Thirds

***Recommendation:***

*F.C.R.I.M.T.V. to transfer and appropriate \$150,000.00 from the Stabilization Fund to the General Highways and Bridges Account for the purposes of the repairing of a headwall over the arch culvert at Twelve Mile Brook on Wilbraham Road.*

**Article 17:**

**Submitted by: Water and Sewer Commission**

To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate a sum of money from the Water Enterprise Free Cash for cleaning/rehabilitation of the Bunyan Road Well or take any relative thereto.

**Explanation:** The Bunyan Road well is in need of periodic cleaning and repair of any deficient areas found during inspection.

**Required Vote:** Majority

***Recommendation:***

*F.C.R.I.M.T.V. to transfer and appropriate \$30,000.00 from Water Enterprise Free Cash for the purposes of cleaning/rehabilitation of the Bunyan Road Well.*

**Article 18:**

**Submitted by: Water and Sewer Commission**

To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate a sum of money from the Water Enterprise Free Cash for Bunyan Road Pump Motor and Variable Frequency Drive (VFD) replacement, or take any other action relative thereto.

**Explanation:** The variable frequency drives at Bunyan Road are failing and must be replaced in order to keep the well pumping correctly.

**Required Vote:** Majority

***Recommendation:***

*F.C.R.I.M.T.V. to transfer and appropriate \$34,000.00 from Water Enterprise Free Cash for the purposes of replacing the VFDs at the Bunyan Road Well.*

**Article 19:**

**Submitted by: Water and Sewer Commission**

To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate a sum of money from the Water Enterprise Free Cash to the Pavement Repair line item, or take any other action relative thereto.

**Explanation:** This funding will be used to repair/replace asphalt at the Water and Sewer Department's Locations.

**Required Vote:** Majority

***Recommendation:***

*F.C.R.I.M.T.V. to transfer and appropriate \$12,500.00 from Water Enterprise Free Cash for the purposes of pavement repair.*

**Article 20:**

**Submitted by: Water and Sewer Commission**

To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate a sum of money from the Sewer Enterprise Free Cash to the Inflow & Infiltration (I&I) and Repair Project Account, or take any other action relative thereto.

**Explanation:** This fund is used to inspect and repair Sewer Infrastructure throughout Town.

**Required Vote:** Majority

***Recommendation:***

*F.C.R.I.M.T.V. to transfer and appropriate \$14,500.00 from Sewer Enterprise Free Cash for the purposes of Inflow and Infiltration Repair.*

**Article 21:**

**Submitted by: Water and Sewer Commission**

To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate a sum of money from the Sewer Enterprise Free Cash to the Sewer Department Maintenance of Joint Treatment Prior Year Bill Account, or take any other action relative thereto.

**Explanation:** This is funding for our sewer treatment fees for Palmer.

**Required Vote:** Majority

***Recommendation:***

*F.C.R.I.M.T.V. to pass over this article.*

**Article 22:**

**Submitted by: School Department**

To see if the Town will appropriate \$160,000.00, or any other amount, to pay costs of designing, repairing and maintaining the drainage the system located on land owned by the Town near Monson High School known as 55 Margaret Street and for the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto; to determine whether this amount shall be raised by taxation, transfer from available funds, borrowing or otherwise, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Motion: That the sum of \$160,000.00 is appropriated to pay costs designing, repairing and maintaining the drainage of the system located on land owned by the Town near Monson High School know as 55 Margaret Street and for the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, and that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, is authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to M.G.L. c. 44, §7(1), or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor. Any premium received by the Town upon the sale of any bonds or notes approved by this vote, or pursuant to any other vote of the Town heretofore adopted, less any such premium applied to the payment of the costs of issuance of such bonds or notes, may be applied to the payment of costs approved by this vote in accordance with M.G.L. c. 44, §20, thereby reducing the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such costs by a like amount.

**Explanation:** The storm water system at the High School is in need of heavy maintenance and redesign. This article funds the reengineering, repairing, and cleaning of the system.

**Required Vote:** Two-Thirds

**Article 23:**

**Submitted by: Board of Selectmen**

To see if the Town will appropriate \$800,000.00, or any other amount, to pay costs of demolishing the building located at 29 Thompson Street (the former Hillside School) and for the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto; to determine whether this amount shall be raised by taxation, transfer from available funds, borrowing or otherwise, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Motion: That the sum of \$800,000.00 is appropriated to pay costs of demolishing the building located at 29 Thompson Street (the former Hillside School) and for the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, and that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, is authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to M.G.L. c. 44, §7(1), or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor. Any premium received by the Town upon the sale of any bonds or notes

approved by this vote, or pursuant to any other vote of the Town heretofore adopted, less any such premium applied to the payment of the costs of issuance of such bonds or notes, may be applied to the payment of costs approved by this vote in accordance with M.G.L. c. 44, §20, thereby reducing the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such costs by a like amount.

**Explanation:** This article funds the demolition of the Hillside School located at 29 Thompson Street. The site will need to be decontaminated prior to demolition and then filled after demolition. This project will also repair the stone wall, which is currently failing, along Thompson Street.

**Required Vote:** Two-Thirds

**Article 24:**

**Submitted by: Board of Selectmen**

To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate or raise and appropriate a sum of money for capital purchases, or take any other action relative thereto.

**Required Vote:** Majority

**Recommendation:**

*F.C.R.I.M.T.V. to pass over this article.*

**Article 25:**

**Submitted by: Board of Selectmen**

To see if the Town will accept the donation from David C. Comparetto of Approximately 28.50 Acres of Land off of Hospital Road, Monson, Massachusetts that is described in a deed dated November 8, 2005 and recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 15499, Page 556 and also described in by the Town of Monson Assessor's Office as Map ID: 089/010, or take any other action relative thereto.

**Explanation:** This article accepts a donation of land off Hospital Road along the eastern boarder of the Monson Developmental Center. The property abuts 89.5 acres of land already owned by the Town.

**Required Vote:** Majority

**Recommendation:**

*F.C.R.I.M.T.V. to accept the donation of land as described in Article 25.*

**Article 26:**

**Submitted by: Board of Selectmen**

To see if the Town will accept the donation from Donald Crocker of Approximately 12 Acres of Land off of Palmer Road, Monson, Massachusetts that is described in a deed dated 2/19/2010 and recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 18191, Page 37 and also described in by the Town of Monson Assessor's Office as Map ID: 130/005, or take any other

action relative thereto.

**Explanation:** This article accepts the donation of 12 acres of land within the Chicopee Brook watershed along Palmer Road to Bunyan Road.

**Required Vote:** Majority

***Recommendation:***

*F.C.R.I.M.T.V. to accept the donation of land as described in Article 26.*

**Article 27:**

**Submitted by: Chief of Police**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer and appropriate a sum of money, to the Police Salary Account for the purposes of staff salaries, or take any other action relative thereto.

**Explanation:** This funding covers the cost of filling shifts during an extended employee leave.

**Required Vote:** Majority

***Recommendation:***

*F.C.R.I.M.T.V. to raise and appropriate \$27,364.00 to the Police Salary Account for the purposes of staff salaries.*

**Article 28:**

**Submitted by: Chief of Police**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer and appropriate a sum of money, to the Police Severance Account for the purposes of severance pay, or take any other action relative thereto.

**Explanation:** This article covers the costs associated with the retirement of an employee.

**Required Vote:** Majority

***Recommendation:***

*F.C.R.I.M.T.V. to raise and appropriate \$22,215.00 to the Police Severance Account for the purposes of staff salaries.*

**Article 29:**

**Submitted by: Fire Chief**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer and appropriate from available funds \$4,000.00 to the Fire Administration Building Maintenance Account for the purpose of upgrading the fire station's gas meter, or take any other action relative thereto.

**Explanation:** This article covers the cost of replacing and upgrading the gas meter at the Fire Department. This is necessary to increase the fuel supply rate to allow for use of the generator.

**Required Vote:** Majority

***Recommendation:***

*F.C.R.I.M.T.V. to raise and appropriate \$4,000.00 to Fire Administration Building Maintenance Account for the purpose of upgrading the fire station's gas meter.*

**Article 30:**

**Submitted by: William Plante**

To see if the Town will vote to change the zoning of property located in Monson under the corporation name Golf Two Enterprises, Inc. from its existing zoning of RR and RV to Industrial. Proposed property abuts industrial land owned by Maeldun, LLC,; parcel 110-1 book 12414, page 282. The proposed zoning change is depicted on the map prepared by Sherman and Frydryk on 2/26/2018 attached hereto as Exhibit "A", or take any other action relative thereto.

**Required Vote:** Two-Thirds

***Recommendation:***

*F.C.R.I.M.T.V. to defer to the Planning Board.*

**Article 31:**

**Submitted by: Capital Planning Committee**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer and appropriate a sum of money to the Capital Projects Account for the purpose of a new dump truck for the Highway Department, a new mower for the Parks and Recreation Department, and Replace Hot Water Heaters, Remove Hazardous Waste, and repair fire sprinklers for the School Department, or take any other action relative thereto.

**Explanation:** The new Dump Truck replaces an older vehicle which has outlived its useful life. The cost of repair and downtime make the continued repair of this vehicle not cost effective. The new mower replaces a Dixie Chopper which needs a new motor with low compression. The water heaters and the schools needed to be replaced due to age. Originally they were going to be repaired, however, upon further inspection the units could not be repaired. Due to the nature of the chemicals used in certain school programs the department built up a stockpile of hazardous materials which needed to be disposed of. The sprinkler system at Granite Valley Middle School suffered failures that needed remediation for safety reasons.

**Required Vote:** Majority

***Recommendation:***

*F.C.R.I.M.T.V. to transfer and appropriate \$214,500.00 from Free Cash and raise and appropriate \$90,000.00 to the Capital Projects Account for the purposes of funding Capital Purchases as described in Article 31.*

**Article 32:**

**Submitted by: Community Preservation Committee**

To see if the town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$21,000.00 to preserve the Original Town Vital Records. These original documents are at risk of being lost. They will be repaired, restored, de-acidified, re-sewn and re-bound for permanent protection. The money shall be transferred from the Fund Balance Reserved for Historic Preservation Fund under the Community Preservation Program for the preservation of historic and scenic resources pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44B or any other enabling authority. Said funds to be expended under the administration of the Community Preservation Committee, or take any other action relative thereto.

**Explanation:** This Article, as a continuing project by the Town Clerk's Office, seeks to fund the continue restoration of vital Town records.

**Required Vote:** Majority

***Recommendation:***

*F.C.R.I.M.T.V. to transfer and appropriate \$21,000.00 from the Fund Balance Reserved for Historic Preservation for the purposes of preserving vital records.*

**Article 33:**

**Submitted by: Community Preservation Committee**

To see if the town will vote to transfer and approve the sum of up to \$46,000 to create a restoration plan for the Monson Memorial Hall. This plan will allow for care and preservation of the building and all its historical attributes. The money shall be transferred from the Fund Balance Reserved for Budgeted Reserve Account under the Community Preservation Program for the preservation of historic and scenic resources pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44B or any other enabling authority. Said funds to be expended under the administration of the Community Preservation Committee, or take any other action relative thereto.

**Explanation:** In order to restore Memorial Hall and maintain the historic character of the project the Town is seeking to have an architect, who specializes in historic properties, develop a stepped plan and specifications to continue repair work in the most effective and efficient way possible.

**Required Vote:** Majority

***Recommendation:***

*F.C.R.I.M.T.V. to transfer and appropriate \$46,000.00 from the Fund Balance Reserved for Historic Preservation Account for the purposes of creating a restoration plan for Memorial Hall.*

**Article 34:**

**Submitted by: Community Preservation Committee**

To see if the town will vote to approve the sum of \$49,510 to complete Phase 2 of the Disc Golf course located at Flynt Park. This money will allow the Parks and Recreation Department to install tees, signage, practice hoops, and to complete the 18 hole course open to the public. The

money shall be transferred from the Fund Balance Reserved for Budgeted Reserve Account under the Community Preservation Program for recreational purposes pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44B or any other enabling authority. Said funds to be expended under the administration of the Community Preservation Committee, or take any other action relative thereto.

**Explanation:** The Parks and Recreation Department will use the funds of this article to complete the work as described above to improve this free public resource and encourage more play at Flynt Park.

**Required Vote:** Majority

***Recommendation:***

*F.C.R.I.M.T.V. to transfer and appropriate \$49,510.00 from the Fund Balance Reserved for Budgeted Reserve Account for the purposes of completing Phase 2 of the Disc Golf Course located at Flynt Park.*

**Article 35:**

**Submitted by: Community Preservation Committee**

To see if the Town will vote to raise, borrow and/or appropriate \$199,075.00 for the acquisition by negotiated purchase the land consisting of approximately 66 +/- acres owned by Jean Booker and/or her heirs, successors and/or assigns described in the Monson Assessors Map 67, Lot 5 and a portion of which is described in a deed recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 5451, Page 452 (the "Property"), including all costs incidental and related thereto; and that said land be conveyed to the Town under the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 8C, as amended and other Massachusetts statutes relating to conservation and passive recreation purposes, to be held under the care, custody and control of the Conservation Commission on behalf of the Town;

And that to fund said purchase, to appropriate and transfer the sum of \$199,075.00 as follows: (a) appropriate and transfer \$54,000.00 from the Fund Balance Reserved for Open Space Account (b) appropriate and transfer \$20,683.00 from the Fund Balanced Reserved for Budgeted Reserve Account; and (c) authorize the Town Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to borrow up to \$124,392.00 in anticipation of revenue and grant receipts pursuant to M.G.L. c. 44, §7(1), or any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds and notes therefor, and the borrowing authorized hereunder shall be reduced by the amount of any grant as referenced in this article, any premium received upon the sale of any bonds or notes approved by this vote, less any such premium applied to the payment of the costs of issuance of such bonds or notes, may be applied to the payment of costs approved by this vote in accordance with M.G.L. c. 44, §20, thereby reducing the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such costs by like amount and further that said funds be expended at the direction of the Community Preservation Committee;

And to authorize the Conservation Commission and the Board of Selectmen to submit on behalf of the Town any and all applications deemed necessary for grants and/or reimbursements from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts under the Local Acquisitions for Natural Diversity (LAND)

program (M.G.L. c. 132A, §11) and/or any other state or federal programs including those in aid of conservation land acquisitions; and/or any other in any way connected with the scope of this Article; and to enter into any necessary contracts therefor, subject to Town Counsel approval;

And to authorize the Board of Selectmen to grant a perpetual conservation restriction on said parcel(s) of land meeting the requirements of M.G.L. c. 44B, §12 and M.G.L. c. 184, §§31-33, as may be deemed appropriate and any other statutory provisions relating to the same, and to enter into all agreements and execute any and all instruments as may be necessary on behalf of the Town to effectuate said purchase, all subject to Town Counsel approval;

The expenditure of the funds appropriated and/or borrowed under this vote is subject to: (a) award of a grant in the amount of up to \$199,075.00 from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts under M.G.L. c. 132A, §11 (the so-called LAND grant), and any and all further conditions as may be required by any other enabling authority.

Or take any other action relative thereto.

**MOTION:**

That the Town appropriates \$199,075.00 for the purchase of the Property, including all costs incidental and related thereto and that to meet this appropriation authorize the following action:

- (a) appropriate and transfer (a) appropriate and transfer \$54,000.00 from the Fund Balance Reserved for Open Space Account (b) appropriate and transfer \$20,683.00 from the Fund Balanced Reserved for Budgeted Reserve Account (b) authorize the Town Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to borrow up to \$124,392.00 in anticipation of revenue and grant receipts pursuant to M.G.L. c. 44, §7(1), or any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds and notes therefor, and the borrowing authorized hereunder shall be reduced by the amount of any grant as referenced in this article, any premium received upon the sale of any bonds or notes approved by this vote, less any such premium applied to the payment of the costs of issuance of such bonds or notes, may be applied to the payment of costs approved by this vote in accordance with M.G.L. c. 44, §20, thereby reducing the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such costs by like amount and further that said funds be expended at the direction of the Community Preservation Committee
- (b) And to authorize the Conservation Commission and the Board of Selectmen to submit on behalf of the Town any and all applications deemed necessary for grants and/or reimbursements from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts under the Local Acquisitions for Natural Diversity (LAND) program (M.G.L. c. 132A, §11) and/or any other state or federal programs including those in aid of conservation land acquisitions; and/or any other

in any way connected with the scope of this Article; and to enter into any necessary contracts therefor, subject to Town Counsel approval;

- (c) And to authorize the Board of Selectmen to grant a perpetual conservation restriction on said parcel(s) of land meeting the requirements of M.G.L. c. 44B, §12 and M.G.L. c. 184, §§31-33, as may be deemed appropriate and any other statutory provisions relating to the same, and to enter into all agreements and execute any and all instruments as may be necessary on behalf of the Town to effectuate said purchase, all subject to Town Counsel approval;
- (d) The expenditure of the funds appropriated and/or borrowed under this vote is subject to:
  - (a) award of a grant in the amount of up to \$124,392.00 from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts under M.G.L. c. 132A, §11 (the so-called LAND grant), and any and all further conditions as may be required by any other enabling authority.

**Required Vote:** Two-Thirds

**Article 36:**

**Submitted by: Community Preservation Committee**

To see if the Town will vote to approve \$72,800 for the restoration of the Hillside Cemetery Arch. The Arch has been found to be deteriorating as a result of water damage coming through the top of the Arch. Although repairs were made in the 1990's the seams have continued to deteriorate. The Arch will be disassembled and repaired with these funds. The money shall be transferred from the Fund Balance Reserved for Budgeted Reserve Account under the Community Preservation Program for the preservation of historic and scenic resources pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44B or any other enabling authority. Said funds to be expended under the administration of the Community Preservation Committee, or take any other action relative thereto.

**Required Vote:** Majority

***Recommendation:***

*F.C.R.I.M.T.V. to transfer and appropriate \$72,800.00 from the Fund Balance Reserved for Budgeted Reserve Account for the purposes of completing repairs to the Hillside Cemetery Arch.*

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk

at the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands this 15th day of October, 2018.

Richard M. Smith, Chairman

John Morrell

Edward S. Harrison

MONSON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

HAMPDEN, ss.

Pursuant to the within Warrant, I have notified and warned the legal voters of the Town of Monson by posting an attested copy of said Warrant in at least two places in said Monson fourteen days at least before the time appointed for holding the meeting aforesaid.

A true copy,  
ATTEST:

Constable of Monson

Town Clerk

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